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For : LIQUID FILTERING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action (Paper No. 9) dated January 4, 2000, kindly amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (twice amended) A liquid filtering apparatus comprising a chamber, a filtering element in said chamber, and valve means for directing liquid through said filtering element in a first direction for filtering said liquid, said valve means being operable to reverse a direction of liquid flow through said filtering element when ~~excessive~~ resistance to flow through said element occurs.

wherein said valve means includes a movable valve member, said filtering element being coupled to said valve member and being adapted to move said valve member to reverse said flow of liquid through said filtering element ^{in response to said resistance}

Claim 5, line 2, delete "4" and insert --1--.

Claim 8, line 2, delete "4" and insert --1--.

~~Claim 11 (twice amended) A liquid filtering apparatus comprising a chamber, [and] an inlet to said chamber for liquid to be filtered and an outlet for said filtered liquid, a discharge outlet, a filtering membrane in said chamber,~~